M/s. Syarikat Faiza Sdn Bhd, a Malaysian rice importing agency, has registered 'Ponni' rice as a trade mark under the Malaysian Trade Mark Act. Government of India have taken up the issue with the Government of Malaysia expressing concern and requested them to take appropriate action for expunging the registration of Ponni as a trade mark from the Register. Tamil Nadu Agriculture University is, however, providing technical information and, details regarding Ponni variety.

The High Commission of India, Kuala Lumpur has informed that M/s Syarikat Faiza Sdn Bhd issued legal notices in 2007 to other dealers in Malaysia to refrain from using the term "Ponni" to describe the variety of rice marketed by them. This was contested by one of the other rice importing agencies in the local court, and the matter is currently sub judice.

Ricetec Corporation, a United States firm, was granted a patent by United States Patents and Trade Marks Office (USPTO) on 2.9.1997 under patent number US 5663484 entitled "Basmati Rice Lines and Grains" containing 20 claims, *inter alia,* pertaining to rice lines for aromatic rice and rice grains having characteristics allegedly similar or superior to those of good quality basmati rice. The grant of this patent was opposed by Government of India *vide* request for re-examination number 90/005/709 dated 28.4.2000 and on re-examination proceedings by USPTO, 15 claims out of the 20 claims were cancelled and title of the said patent was amended to 'Rice Lines BAS 867, RT 1117, and RT 112' *vide* re-examination certificate issued on 29.1.2002.

**Industrial Units set up with Centrally Sponsored Scheme**

472. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of industrial units set up with the help of Centrally sponsored scheme in the country particularly in the Maharashtra during the last three years; and

(b) the details of investment made in these units during the above period, State-wise and Union Territory-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND PROMOTION, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) and (b) Under the liberalized Industrial Policy, the decision to set up an industry is based on the techno economic considerations of the entrepreneurs, which in turn depend on the initiatives of the State Governments in creating conducive environment by way of providing infrastructure facilities and other incentives. Central Government supplements their efforts to the extent possible. Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme i.e., Package for Special Category States, in the States of (i) Jammu & Kashmir, (w.e.f. 14.6.2002) (ii) Himachal Pradesh and (iii) Uttarakhand (w.e.f. 7.1.2003). Under this scheme, Capital Investment Subsidy, Interest Subsidy, Comprehensive Insurance and Transport Subsidy are provided to industrial units. The Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion does not implement such a scheme for Maharashtra. The details of plan funds released to the three States in the last three years is provided in Statement-I *(See* below). The details of industrial units set up and investment made in the three States is provided in Statement-II (*See* below).

The Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion is also implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme *i.e.,* North East Industrial and Investment Promotion Policy (NEIIPP) in the States of North East including Sikkim w.e.f. April 2007.

***Statement-I***

*The amount released during 2005-06, 2006-07 & 2007-08 under "Package for Special Category States" (Plan)-Expenditure details*

(Rupees in crores)

| Sl. No. | Nodal Agencies/State | Scheme | | 2005-06 | 2006-07 | 2007-08 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Jammu & Kashmir Development Finance Corporation Ltd. (JKDFC)/ **Jammu & Kashmir** | (i) | Central Capital Investment Subsidy Scheme | Nil | Nil | 4.00 |
| | | (ii) | Central Interest Subsidy Scheme | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| | | (iii) | Comprehensive Insurance Scheme | 0.90 | Nil | Nil |
| | | (iv) | Growth Centre | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| | | (v) | Transport Subsidy Scheme | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| | | (vi) | Organizing of Seminar, etc. | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| | | (vii) | Setting up of Jammu & Kashmir Development Finance Corporation | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| | | (viii) | J & K Entrepreneurship Development Institute | 4.60 | Nil | Nil |
| | TOTAL : | | | 5.50 | Nil | 4.00 |
| 2. | **Himachal Pradesh** Industrial Development Corporation Ltd. (HPSIDC)/HP | (i) | Central Capital Investment Subsidy Scheme | 7.00 | 12.00 | 20.0 |
| | | (ii) | Transport Subsidy Scheme | 4.50 | Nil | Nil |
| | | (iii) | Growth Centre | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| | | (iv) | Organizing of Seminars, etc. | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| | TOTAL : | | | 11.50 | 12.00 | 20.00 |
| 3. | State Industrial Development Corporation of Uttarakhand Ltd. (SIDCUL)/ **Uttarakhand** | (i) | Central Capital Investment Subsidy Scheme | 7.00 | 9.00 | 5.00 |
| | | (ii) | Growth Centre | 1.00 | 0.93 | Nil |
| | | (iii) | Transport Subsidy Scheme | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| | TOTAL : | | | 8.00 | 9.93 | 5.00 |
| | GRAND TOTAL : | | | 25.00 | 21.93 | 29.00 |

***Statement-II***

*Details of Industrial Units Set up and Investment made in the Special Category States*

| State | Number of Units set up | Investment (Rs.Crore) |
|---|---|---|
| Jammu & Kashmir (upto 03/2007) | 5952 | 1364 |
| Himachal Pradesh (upto 12/2007) | 3900 | 3288 |
| Uttarakhand (upto 09/2007) | 12403 | 7119 |

**Management structure of MPEDA**

473. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the present management structure of Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA);

(b) the tenure of Chairman and other officers on deputation in MPEDA;

(c) whether the Chairman and other officers on deputation in MPEDA and also officers on deputation who are responsible for policy framing have experience in marine products or marine industry related subjects;

(d) if so, the policy guidelines framed for bringing officers on deputation in MPEDA; and

(e) the steps proposed to be taken to infuse fresh talent in MPEDA to match the requirement of the marine industry and to face the stiff competition in marine export field?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) The management structure of the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) has been laid out in Section 4(1) to (3) of the MPEDA Act read with MPEDA Rules 3,4,10,11 and 12 and is as hereinunder:-

(i) Chairman appointed by the Central Government,

(ii) Director of MPEDA,

(iii) Three Members of the Parliament (Two Members from Lok Sabha and one Member from Rajya Sabha),

(iv) Five members representing Central Ministries dealing with agriculture, finance, foreign trade, industry and shipping & transport,

(v) Twenty members appointed by Government of India representing States/UTs having sea coast, interest of owners of fishing vessels, processing plant, etc., interest of people employed in